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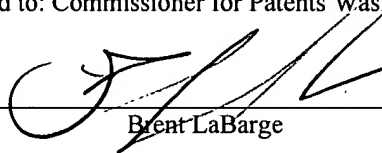
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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 30, 2003, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

1. **(Twice Amended)** A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.